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NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

THE CHINESE LOAN.

SIGNATURE CONFIRMED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that the contract for a loan of £25,000,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent, and quoted at 90, was signed late on Saturday by representatives of China and a group of Banks representing the five Powers.

Two million sterling will be advanced immediately.

[A Peking message to the "N. China Daily News," dated the 24th inst., stated:—Mr. S. Barton, Chinese Secretary of the British Legation, on behalf of the Quintuple Group, visited the Minister of Finance yesterday evening and assisted in drawing up contracts for the appointments of advisors, who will be engaged for terms of three years. The loan contract is now ready for signature and Iu Cheng-hsiang, Minister for Foreign Affairs, will meet the five Ministers to-morrow and officially communicate the contract to them, after which the Ministers will inform the Bankers that the five Powers approve of the loan. Consequently, the loan contract may be signed on Saturday. The Chinese Government originally proposed the engagement of advisors for three years and that the full control of the Salt Inspectorate should revert to China after that period. The Quintuple Group serve for the full period of the loan. Finally, it was arranged that the engagement of advisors should be renewed every three years until the loan was redeemed, thus enabling China to dispense with their services if she was able to redeem the loan within a shorter time than fifty years, which Chou Hsueh-hsi confidently expects will be done. In this connexion a misunderstanding occurred yesterday, for when the Ministers of the five Powers asked their Governments to authorize them to instruct the bankers to sign the loan, one Government required an assurance that its advisors would be retained for the full period of the loan, thus giving rise to the belief that the country in question desired a voice in China's financial administration for fifty years whether or not the loan was previously redeemed. China at first thought this was an attempt to get in the thin edge of the wedge and to open the way for international financial control. Explanations followed, however, and the point was satisfactorily cleared up.]

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

A SENSATIONAL STORY.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 28.

According to stories published in the papers, Essad Pasha's step in declaring himself King of the Albanians was made with the connivance of Servia and Montenegro; and the storming and surrender of Skutari was a "put-up job."

The "Daily Mail's" correspondent at Belgrade says that Essad Pasha has concluded an alliance with Montenegro who keeps the Taraboch ridge and the Bryan Valley, while Skutari becomes Albanian.

Accounts from Vienna say the belief prevails there that Russian intrigues are behind Essad Pasha's move which, anyway, is likely to complicate the situation.

Essad is a typical Gheg Chieftain of an old wealthy Albanian family and has had a most adventurous career.

Demand by the Powers.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Cettinio correspondent report that the Ministers of the Powers have presented a joint Note demanding the evacuation of Skutari, but the Montenegrin officials have excused themselves from considering it because of the Orthodox holidays.

It is regarded as significant that the Archduke Franz Ferdinand has suddenly returned to Vienna, though he was not expected till May 3rd.

Demand and Protest.

Later.

The Powers have presented a collective communication to Cettinio declaring that Skutari must be evacuated with the briefest possible delay and handed over to the Commanders of the International Fleet. A prompt reply is requested.

Montenegro has formally protested against "this cruel and unjust demand".

Evacuation Begins.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna states that an official telegram reports that Prince Danilo and troops marched out from Skutari and proceeded northwards; and there are only five battalions of Montenegrin infantry left in the city.

INTERCHANGE OF OFFICERS.

LORD BROOKE FOR CANADA.

London, April 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa wires that Lord Brooke will command the Second Mounted Brigade during the coming summer.

This is the first appointment under the Imperial interchange of officers scheme.

ANOTHER AVIATOR KILLED.

BRITISH LIEUTENANT'S FATE.

London, April 28.

Lieutenant Rogers Harrison fell from a height of 400 feet while making a flight at Farnborough and was killed.

He had attempted a very steep descent, and the elevator collapsed.

Mr. Bernard Shaw, Cyclist.

In the challenge round of the lawn tennis Covered Courts

TURKISH BATTLESHIPS.

BRITAIN MAY PURCHASE.

London, April 28.

It is reported that Britain is negotiating for the purchase of two Turkish battleships which are being built at Barrow and Elswick respectively.

These closely resemble H.M.S. King George the Fifth, save that they have superior armament.

LAWN TENNIS.

COVERED COURT CHAMPIONS

London, April 28.

In the challenge round of the lawn tennis Covered Courts Championship, Wilding and Doust (holders) beat Lamb and Gore by 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, thus retaining the championship.

TELEGRAMS.

THE LISBON PLOT.

HOW IT WAS DISCOVERED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, April 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon wires that the plot was discovered through members of the Albanians being present at a meeting of the conspirators.

The city has now resumed its normal aspect.

The men who had been arrested told the magistrates to-day that they had the interests of the Republic at heart.

No fewer than 183 most modern bombs have been seized at the headquarters of the Radical Federation.

THE PRATAS ISLANDS.

Syndicate to Exploit Phosphate Deposits

The Pratas group of islands, about 170 miles from Hongkong, and about 420 miles from Manila, has long been recognised as a fine position for a wireless station in the China Seas and it appears that the Chinese Government has accorded recognition to the requests made for the erection of a wireless installation there, the benefits of which, and especially to Hongkong, cannot be overestimated in connection with warnings of the approach of typhoon weather. The islands are known to be rich in phosphates, having been the home and shelter probably for centuries of myriads of sea birds. The islands are not without interest to Singapore, as it is known that Mr. Tan Boo Liat is the holder of a concession of the islands from the Canton Government. Under the advice of well-known merchants he has been judiciously concentrating his efforts on obtaining valuable information, regarding the phosphate deposits, with considerable advantage to himself and the group of friends associated with him.

The Tong Sab Ton, Limited (Pratas Island Phosphates Exploitation Syndicate, Ltd.), has been formed with a capital of \$120,000 to thoroughly exploit the islands, and a genuine exhibition of faith in the venture has been demonstrated in a marked manner, as the whole of the issued capital was very largely oversubscribed privately in a few hours, and there is no issue to the public of shares. The islands, from an authentic source, are reputed to contain phosphate deposits of proved high quality sufficient to work for a period of 40 years on a monthly output of 2,000 tons. There are extensive buildings, light railway lines and pier already in situ, the use of which has been obtained from the Canton Government for practically a song. A surveying staff will leave within a week to do all the necessary surveys to the phosphate deposits with a view to ascertaining their cubic contents, this being prudent and essential before the Tong Sab Ton, Limited, turn their attention to the formation of the much more important company at a later stage. Registration is being effected in Canton under the mining laws of China. The board is entirely Chinese and comprises gentlemen well-known and influential. The capital backing behind the syndicate is reported to run to large figures.

Y. M. C. A.

Growing Success of the Literary Section.

A dissertation on Thackeray's "Book of Snobs" was delivered at the Y.M.C.A. last night by Mr. Geo. W. Sewell.

It is worth noting that the literary section of the Y.M.C.A. was opened some two months ago with a membership of about half a dozen. At recent meetings there have been from 18 to 20 present. This section is intended to appeal to members with literary tastes and is clearly meeting a strong want, to judge from the growing interest in the lectures. There is plenty of room in Hongkong for work of this nature amongst young men and it is to be hoped that the Y.M.C.A. section will meet with great success.

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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

China Mail.

The Sun-Power Motor.
In the course of his remarks, Mr. Shuman said, that they had selected cast-iron boilers, in order to obtain quicker delivery. In future they would use dished steel-plate boilers, for the manufacture of which it would be necessary to procure beforehand the required sets of dies. The advantage of the sun-power plant was that the heat was delivered f.o.b. inside the boiler, there was less expense, and also less wear and tear. It could compare, on general lines and theoretically, with a coal-heated plant in which the coal was supplied absolutely free. The first cost was a heavy one, being probably twice that of a steam plant of equal capacity, but after the first cost there was no further expenditure and much less labour. In actual practice it might be stated that when coal was supplied to the steam plant at the price of 10s. per ton, the sun-power plant could compete with it; when the coal cost more than 10s. per ton, then the sun-power plant made a profit.

Daily Press.

The Chinese Loan.

Doubtless there will be a great show of indignation on the part of the political agitators, who are keeping the country in a turmoil because the loan has been concluded without a reference to the new Parliament; but having regard to the number of times Dr. Sun Yat-sen has had to deny the authorship of telegrams sent to Peking in his name, we shall await confirmation before crediting the report in the Chinese newspapers that he has warned the President that the South would secede from the North if the loan contract were not submitted to Parliament for confirmation before being signed. The more the situation in China is studied, the stronger we believe will grow the conviction that the signing of the loan contract at the present time is the best guarantee that could be given for the stability, peace and progress of the country. Peace will be preserved from fear of international complications; and the conditions attached to the loan ensure administrative reforms in a few years that could not in other circumstances be expected in a generation.

South China Morning Post.

The Loan Signed.

After the revenue collection of the Salt Administration becomes sufficient to cover the service of the loans, the monthly contributions from the provinces are to be suspended. When the revenues of the Salt Administration have been maintained for three successive years at a sufficient figure, the provincial liabilities are to be finally released. The term of the loan is to be fifty years and repayments commence with the sixteenth year. After the lapse of fifteen years, the Chinese Government may give notice to redeem or convert the outstanding amount. The foregoing is a brief summary of those provisions of the Liang Agreement which are of general interest. In most other respects the lines of previous Loan Agreements are adhered to. There is no question that the signing of the loan lessens the peril of internal disturbance and brings the new Government much nearer to recognition by the Powers than hitherto. While it cannot be held that the acquisition of the Loan removes all the troubles which afflict China at this critical period in her national history, it accomplishes this much, that it releases the Government from its most serious embarrassment, the lack of the funds so much needed to enable it to set its house in order.

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TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams appeared as an Extra after we went to press yesterday:-

LINER ENCOUNTERS ICEBERGS.

WHERE THE TITANIC SUNK.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, April 28. The Allan liner Virginian, bound for Halifax, had to go dead slow for 14 hours through an icefield. She sighted eight monster icebergs almost at the spot where the Titanic foundered last year. The bergs were drifting southward across the trans-Atlantic track.

IMPERIAL TRADE COMMISSION IN AUSTRALIA.

London, April 28. Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne wires that the Empire Trade Commission has arrived. Mr. Foster, the Canadian Commissioner, declared that he hoped a reciprocal agreement between Canada and Australia would soon be arranged.

HOME RULE.
NATIONALISTS AND UNIONISTS.

London, April 28. Mr. John Dillon, speaking at Roslestone, County Dublin, declared that the Nationalists were ready to meet the Irish Unionists in a conference in the most friendly spirit, if they were willing to accept the principle of Home Rule, and consider what was feasible.

POPULATING THE COLONIES.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

London, April 28. Mr. Watt, the Premier of Victoria, speaking at Brighton, said they wanted to see spring up under the Imperial Government an organization which would assist them in populating immense lands like Canada, South Africa and Australasia. Without touching controversial questions they felt that the British Empire should be more self-sustaining and they should trade more together in the essentials of life.

A "COMMON CONVICT."

Imprisoned Editor's Claim for £10,000 Damages.

Mr. L. F. Moore, editor and proprietor of the "Livingstone Mail," who was recently imprisoned in the Belgian Congo for an alleged libel in his newspaper upon a resident in the Katanga, is claiming £10,000 damages from the Belgian administration, and has forwarded his claim to the Foreign Secretary.

A statement issued by Mr. E. D. Morel, hon. secretary of the Congo Reform Association, says that Mr. Moore's main contention—that the arrest and prosecution were illegal, inasmuch as the offence was committed in British territory; that the offence itself was not a crime according to British law, and that jurisdiction did not lie with the Belgian Courts—gains in force from the fact that, the British Government not having officially recognised the Belgian annexation of the Congo, the Belgian Courts, strictly speaking, can have no possible jurisdiction over a British subject.

"There can be no doubt," says Mr. Morel, "that the action was inspired by the Belgian Administration itself, which has been fiercely criticised in the 'Livingstone Mail.' Indeed, the Public Prosecutor who conducted the case denounced the general criticisms of the 'Livingstone Mail' upon the Belgian Administration."

Mr. Moore was under arrest for eight days and in prison for twelve days when the fine was paid (by public subscription), during which he was subjected to forced labour like a common convict.

Mr. Morel adds that "the significance of the Moore case is increased by the disclosures as to the treatment of British subjects resident in the Katanga which appear in the White Book issued last month."

GENERAL NEWS.

Noisy Shareholders.
Shareholders in the Panama Rubber and Timber Estates Limited, came to blows at their recent meeting at Salisbury House. Following a decision voluntarily to wind up the company there was a great deal of noise. Shareholders called one another "dirty cads" and "liars," and eventually some of them came to blows, one man being knocked down and another sustaining a severe laceration over the eye.

Grand Cross for the Prince.
The King of Wurttemberg has conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown of Wurttemberg upon the Prince of Wales. The Prince, says an earlier Stuttgart telegram, with the King of Wurttemberg, witnessed a performance of the "Froischutz" at the Court Theatre, and next morning his Royal Highness, accompanied by Professor Fiedler, went for an early walk in the Royal Park, and later the Prince met Duke Albrecht of Wurttemberg, who had reported himself to the King on being appointed Army Inspector.

The Cost of Blue-Books.
The Publications Committee of the House of Commons met last month and reappointed Sir George Toulmin, M.P., as chairman. An inquiry was held as to the possibility of reducing the cost of certain Blue-books, the issue of which is pending, and it was stated by Sir Rowland Bailey, Controller of the Stationery Office, who gave evidence on the matter, that the work of the committee, chiefly in restricting the publication of unnecessary matter in official documents, had resulted in an actual realized saving of £150,000 a year.

The Jokers.

Two serious-minded politicians, Mr. Austen Chamberlain and Mr. John Dillon (writes an M. P. in "London Opinion") have just made verbal slips—one perpetrating an unconscious pun, and the other an unconscious "baff." Neither of them often allows himself to be betrayed into a joke, and the merriment was for that reason the more pronounced. Austen objected to the Chancellor of the Exchequer "ostentatiously" distinguishing between him and his colleagues on the Front Opposition bench, whilst Mr. Dillon was heard to say, in connection with the Guiltine Resolution, "those bonds and gags, which were invented by the Tory party for the coercion of Ireland, have now come home to roost."

Sailors and Cats on the China Station.
About twenty years ago, when I was resident in North China, says the "Malay Mail," to call attention to the neglected condition of the Australian squadron, then in Far Eastern waters, was steaming out of the port of Chefoo, when a little black cat fell overboard from H.M.S. "Wanderer." At once the ship stopped, signalled to her consort, "Cat overboard," and the entire squadron came to a standstill. A boat put off from the "Wanderer" and rescued puss, who was swimming for dear life after the ship. The officer who told me the story said the sailors would have been furious if the little cat had not been saved for not only was she a great pet, but they firmly believe that disaster would follow if a black cat was allowed to drown.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain completed 21 years' service as member of Parliament for East Worcestershire last month, having been first elected on March 30, 1892. At the by-election which then took place he was returned unopposed, but at the General Election the same year he defeated Mr. Oscar Browning, his old college tutor, by a majority of 2,594. He has been less troubled than most members with Parliamentary contests, and in each instance his majorities have been well into four figures. His only opponents besides Mr. Browning have been Mr. John Morgan and Mr. Hilton Young. After his election in 1895 Mr. Austen Chamberlain was appointed a Civil Lord of the Admiralty and after the 1900 election he became Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and later Postmaster-General and Chancellor of the Exchequer. He made his maiden speech on the second reading of the Home Rule Bill in 1893.

Mr. Morel adds that "the significance of the Moore case is increased by the disclosures as to the treatment of British subjects resident in the Katanga which appear in the White Book issued last month."

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SERVICE MATTERS.

Famous General's Death.
The death is announced, at the age of fifty-six, of Major-General Cecil William Park, commanding the East Lancashire Division since 1910, who led the famous charge of the Devons on Wagon Hill during the South African War.

The Army (Annual) Bill.
The Army (Annual) Bill, the text of which was issued on April 2, proposes to extend the power, conferred by the Army Act, of requisitioning carriages, horses, and vessels in case of emergency so as to include a power of requisitioning aircraft of all descriptions.

Territorial Army.
Colonel Seely has given the strength of the Territorial Army on the dates specified as under:

N.C.O.'s Officer, and Men. Feb. 25, 1910 ... 9,719 266,899 March 1, 1911 ... 9,663 262,567 Feb. 23, 1912 ... 9,380 263,024 March 1, 1913 ... 9,201 252,991

Australian Squadron.
It is rather late in the day, says the "Malay Mail," to call attention to the neglected condition of the Australian squadron in 1911. Anyone who was in Hongkong at the time when the revolution broke out in China, when two of the small cruisers were detached to strengthen the British Naval squadron in Chinese waters, will remember how they limped up from the south like broken-winged ducks and had to spend months in the dockyard. And their condition we were then told was typical of the rest.

Torpedo Boat Collision.
Late on the night of April 1, while the torpedo-boats belonging to the Nore Defence Flotilla were exercising in the Thames Estuary, a collision occurred in Prince's Channel between t.b.s Nos. 18 and 114, both vessels being damaged, the former having her bow crumpled and the latter receiving an extensive rent on her starboard side. No. 18 was in no danger, her foremost bulkhead keeping the water from the other compartments, but for a time No. 114 was in a perilous condition, owing to the inflow of water, and but for the precautionary measures adopted she would probably have sunk.

Remarks on the Shanghai Volunteer Inspection.

The annual inspection of the Volunteer Corps passed off with all its usual smoothness, says the "North China Daily News." In the opinion of many qualified to judge it was the best march past that has been seen; and such small contumacy as occurred were of the kind that may be deemed inevitable. Lieut.-Colonel Barnes is greatly to be congratulated on the showing, and it may be added that Major-General Anderson commented in private on the marked improvement in one or

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two companies, notably the Chinese. Two specially satisfactory features may be remarked. First, although the old system of a strenuous period of annual training, followed by almost total lethargy, has disappeared for two years, the attendances at parade drills this year were actually far better than in the days of the annual training, although doubtless many of the men must already have been perfect. Again, the smartness with which the sudden call for a turn-out on Thursday night was responded to reflects no less credit on the keenness of the men than on the system. When it is recalled that the composition of the Corps changes yearly by as much as 33 per cent. and of unit commanders sometimes by more than 50 per cent., owing to men leaving Shanghai, there is the greater reason to congratulate the Volunteers on their efficiency. The one matter of dissatisfaction that must have occurred to more than one spectator on Saturday in looking at those well drilled well found lines, is that their numbers are not double what they are. The foreign community of Shanghai is a large one, and in proportion as it values the services of the Corps, it may well feel that the burden should not be borne by one section only.

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MARRIAGES

BARKER-MACHAFFIE.—On April 19, 1913, at Hankow, China, at the British Consulate-General before Sir William Wilkinson Knight, and afterwards at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Roots, assisted by the Rev. S. Harrington Littell, Marjorie Seymour, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David MacLaffie to Mr Sydney Barker, of Manchester and Swatow.

LLOYD-GANDE.—On April 24, 1913, at H. B. M. Consulate General, Shanghai, before Sir Everard D. H. Fraser, K.C.M.G., and afterwards at the Union Church by the Rev. C. E. Darwent, Frank, second son of the late John Lloyd, East Molesley, Surrey, to Edith Dulcie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Gande of Shanghai.

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THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

At last, and after many vexatious and perhaps unnecessary delays, the Loan Agreement has been signed. Whether the last of these delays has been reached in quite another matter. From the outset the question has presented so many points of difference, so many difficulties which required delicate handling, that, even with the main problem solved, there may still be details to arrange which shall present some difficulty. It is as well in a matter of this kind, involving issues so tremendous, not to assume too early that every obstacle has been surmounted. Be that as it may, however, it is a matter for keen satisfaction that the loan has been signed and sealed, apparently on terms fair to each party to the bargain.

Some days ago a message from Peking stated that the Minister of Finance was asking the Quintuple Group to issue a five per cent. loan at ninety-one, which is three and a half points higher than the five per cent. equivalent of the five and a half per cent. loan at ninety-six, as agreed to by the Sextuple Group. It was thought probable then, however, that the price would ultimately be arranged at about 88 or 89, the latter being the same as in the case of the Crisp Loan. Reuter was very near the mark when, in yesterday's telegram, he gave the probable price as "nominally 80." A telegram to-day states that it is 80. A week ago, too, it was stated that the Quintuple Group desired some undertaking that the provinces should pay over the whole salt revenues to the Salt Inspectorate and that all expenditures in connection with the loan should be published. It may be taken that the required undertaking has been given. Since the loan is to be secured upon the revenues of the Salt Gabelle, we should suppose that not only "some undertaking," but a very definite and solid pledge, has been given.

With the signing of the agreement the new government is given its chance. Up till now it has been hampered and harassed by lack of funds, and criticism of its conduct has been tempered by recognition of that fact. Its opportunity has come now, and it remains to be seen whether that opportunity will be seized with both hands and made the most of. Our Shanghai correspondent yesterday stated that the Kuomintang Party tried to stop the signature and demanded the consent of Parliament. President Yuan wisely refused to listen and urged that there was urgent need of money, while the bankers said that they were dealing with the Government and not with political parties. The concluding stages of the negotiations appear to have been invested with a sounder temper, on both sides, than was sometimes apparent earlier. It remains now with President Yuan, his cabinet, and parliament to decide whether the loan shall lead to a now and more prosperous China or not. The signing of the loan by no means ends China's difficulties, as appears to be assumed in some quarters. It is an easy—probably it is easier—to raise money as to spend it wisely after, and careful students of events are waiting to see the soothings of internal difficulties before they accept China's difficulties as over.

CHINA AND PRAYER.

Preaching at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday evening Archdeacon Barnett said that people had asked what was the meaning of the request on the part of the Chinese Government that the Christian Churches should hold a special day of prayer. "It might be," he said, "that all the motives of the request were not of the purest yet." "If all Christendom sincerely prayed, it could not but be that God would shake China and uplift her to take her place in the brotherhood of the nations." The last is a comforting thought with which most people will agree; yet we should expect more useful results from the signing of the Quintuple Loan, the observance of Treaties, and the settlement of differences in high places in China than from all the prayers in the world. There is nothing irreverent in that attitude. Plague is kept in hand not by prayer but by active sanitary measures; and an epidemic of disease caused by bad drains will not be removed by prayer only, but by cleansing the drains thoroughly and keeping them clean.

The point is that a man or a nation must labour as well as pray, and, if the labour be good, it will be blessed. But prayer of itself, without solid and painstaking effort to accompany it, is not nearly so likely to be answered; and only a lazy man would expect that it should. There is a deal of solid sense and not a little of Christianity in the saying that "Heaven helps those who help themselves," and Cromwell knew well what he was talking about when he urged his soldiers to "Trust in God, but keep your powder dry." It seems to us that China has to do a deal of work on her own behalf before she can expect matters within her borders to be mended. In any case, we could wish that the fact of the appeal having been made in all sincerity and being without political significance, had not been quite so strongly urged of late. It is not always well to excuse yourself before you are accused, and that is what has been done in this case.

That in itself suggests that the promoters of the day of prayer were themselves doubtful whether outsiders would not look to see some motive behind. And the more they insist that there was none, the more will some people be persuaded into thinking that some political motive was behind. Meantime our readers will notice that President Yuan has telegraphed his thanks to the British Missionary Society and has said that he prays for the prosperity of the Christian religion. But another telegram indicates that there is some reason for believing that President Yuan was implicated in the murder of ex-Minister Sung at Shanghai fully a month ago. It would be idle, of course, and unfair to accept such a statement without the clearest possible proof, but the bare fact that the suggestion is made shows clearly that there is some strange plotting going on and that the new Government has a deal of clearing work to do before it can hope for much response to the most fervent prayers ever made.

Theory and Practice.

We heard the other day, with great interest, that hygiene was being taught, on a tolerably big scale, in a local school that is greatly patronised by the Chinese. Not only is instruction being given on questions of light and ventilation and the clothing of the body, not only are the pupils taught all sorts of valuable matter connected with a nitrogenous and a non-nitrogenous diet, and the rival merits or demerits of both, but the enterprising heads of the establishment have arranged for a series of object lessons on mosquitoes and their larvae. On learning this we at once felt that the least the "Telegraph" could do would be to give a word of praise to this go-ahead institution; and we had almost sketched out a laudatory paragraph in our own mind, when our informant (a master in the school) added, "But, meanwhile, the boys' laboratories are kept in such a filthy condition that you daren't go within a hundred yards of them." Verily, verily, modern education is a great thing.

Blake Pier.

Now that the hot season is coming round again, we would like once more to say a word or two on the subject of Blake Pier, and its condition by day and by night. So far as we can remember off hand, it is the only spot in Hongkong, save the cricket ground, which is not, strictly speaking, (public) where seats are provided; for we can scarcely reckon the Botanical Gardens as being really inside the city. Never at any time in the twenty-four hours, at this period of the year, are the pier seats at the disposal of Europeans. We often wonder what strangers who are passing one night in the town must think when they stroll down to this pier, after dinner, and find that all the available seating accommodation has been taken by the Chinese, and that they cannot walk up or down it without (the rules on the notice-board notwithstanding) the risk of being spat on. Poor European; his lot in this Colony is indeed a hard one, and we can see no immediate prospect of its being made any easier.

A Strange Development.

It is surely passing strange that, as reported in a telegram of yesterday, suggestions of compromise on the Home Rule question should emanate from the Nationalists. Mr. John Dillon, we are told, has declared that the Nationalists are ready to meet the Irish Unionists in conference in the most friendly spirit, if they are willing to accept the principle of Home Rule, and consider what compromise is feasible. It is a

DAY BY DAY.

"The right thing" is simply the lowest common multiple of the community's consciousness, the bulwark and safeguard of the State.

The Mails.

German Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Luetzow at 10 a.m. to-day.

American Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Shinyo Maru at noon to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Shinyo Maru at noon to-day.

German Mail.—Due per s.s. Prinz Ludwig to-morrow.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Prinz Ludwig at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

Australian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Prinz Sigismund this morning.

Discharged.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazelton at the Police Court, this morning, with being in unlawful possession of brass bangles, was discharged.

Hongkong Societies.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary issued yesterday gives a list of exempted and registered societies under Section 5 of the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

Change of Run.

The s.s. Chinshu is making her first run to Manila to-day, replacing the Kaifong, which has been placed on the Haiphong run and which also left to-day.

Golf Club Meeting.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club is to be held on the 7th May to confirm the resolutions passed at the meeting of the 16th inst.

Suicide.

The police report that a woman committed suicide in a boarding house in Connaught Road, yesterday, by drinking a quantity of liquid, of which opium was the principal ingredient.

Indian Gunner's Theft.

An Indian gunner, of the H. K. S. B., R. G. A. was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing a brass lock from a Chinese shop. He was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment.

Defective Weights.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Tai Hing, of 67, Queen's Road West, was charged by Inspector Withers, with using a defective scale and defective weights. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

YACHTING.

Rolla wins Royal Hongkong Handicap Class Championship.

On Saturday the twelfth race of the season in the handicap class of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, was sailed off. The following boats started:—Dione and La Linda, 10s. 15 secs. per mile; Kathleen, Dorothea and Colleen, 40 secs. per mile.

The course was:—Lyemun Beacon, starboard; Kowloon Rock, starboard; Lyemun Beacon starboard, and the race resulted as follows:

Finishing Corrected Times.

	Times.	Times.
La Linda	433.25	433.25
Dione	436.10	436.10
Rolla	436.10	433.55
Kathleen	437.20	431.12
Dorothea	448.54	442.46
Colleen	D.N.F.	

The points to date are:

Points.	Total Points	
La Linda	5	23
Dione	3	45
Rolla	4	50
Kathleen	7	40
Dorothea	2	38
Colleen	—	14

This being the last race in this class, twelve being held during the season, the championship of the class is won by the Rolla, with a total of 50 points. The Rolla is owned by Mr. F. Smythe. The one Design class, raced over the course, Lyemun Beacon, starboard; Cuckoo Rock, Buoy starboard, and Channel Rock starboard. The following boats entered:—Bonito, Haleyon, and Daphne.

Finishing Times:

	Times.
Haleyon	4 35 50
Bonito	4 36 00
Daphne	4 38 58

DR. SUN YAT-SEN'S LATEST.

The Present Position in China.

We stated last night, in a special telegram, that Dr. Sun has officially represented to the Chinese Government that the South will secede from the North if the new parliament is not consulted as to the loan question. In connection with this wire, a gentleman who has known Dr. Sun Yat-sen very intimately for many years said to "Telegraph" representative yesterday:—

"Things in China, at the present moment, are about as bad as they can well be. The position is practically this. President Yuan says to the country, in so many words, 'Unless you invest me with certain powers, I refuse to serve as President.' Now one of those powers which, apparently, he demands is the right to appoint his own Ministers. Against this, Dr. Sun Yat-sen argues that such a plan is but one degree removed from monachism. Having chosen Republicanism, the country's next step, he says, must be to decide whether it will follow America's example, and leave the choice of the Cabinet to the President, or whether it will imitate the French Republic and leave it to the people to elect the Ministry even as it elected the President.

The first item on the programme was perhaps the best. It took the form of a short description of the invention, given by a pictured lecturer who gave gestures and lip-movements corresponding with the sounds given off by the gramophone horn. The "speaker" outlined the general idea, and then called various other unreal, yet weirdly real, assistants forward who, by examples of instrumental and vocal music and (in the case of a couple of dogs) of barking, showed that the powers of the kinetophone were by no means limited to reproducing the ordinary speaking voice.

A scene from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" and one from "Les Cloches" followed, both wonderfully realistic and distinct; at times so much so that the illusion was absolutely complete, and one could almost have fancied that the voices were those of concealed speakers, but for the very occasional mechanical whirr of the trumpet. In the second part, two short plays were performed, again with startling clearness, and the programme closed with a highly successful miniature concert performed by Edison's Minstrels.

Incidental music was supplied by the string band of the Cornwall Light Infantry. Among these present were H. E. the Governor, H. E. the General Officer Commanding, and their aides de camp.

All those who saw and heard the kinetophone last night will probably agree with us that a day is soon coming when this truly marvellous combination will rule in half the theatres of the world.

HONGKONG SCAVENGING.

Matters for the Authorities to Note.

We have commented time and again on the fact that Sanitary Board carts are seen collecting refuse at late hours in the day. Matters do not seem to mend, however. At half past two, this afternoon, Sanitary carts, Nos. 2 and 5 were seen collecting house refuse in the Eastern district. This is a matter which demands prompt and effective attention.

Only the other day a correspondent in our columns drew attention to the fact that refuse was deposited in a heap at the side of Wong Nei Chung Road. It would appear that little or nothing has been done to put matters right in this quarter. Sanitary Board carts, carrying baskets, No. 3 were seen to deposit refuse in the road in question yesterday. Will the authorities please to note?

STOLEN COAT.

Before Mr. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning, Inspector Cameron charged a Chinese with stealing a blue serge coat, part of the uniform of Frank Sato, deck engineer of the s.s. Siberia, from the vessel whilst in dock at Tai Po.

The owner of the coat deposited that it was lying on his bunk. A sentence of one month's hard labour and four hours' stocks was passed.

THE KINETOPHONE.

Last Night's Display at the Theatre Royal.

Quite a large number of persons assembled at the Theatre Royal, last night, to witness the first demonstration in Hongkong of Edison's latest, and perhaps most wonderful, invention: the "kinetophone." Ever since cinematograph art reached its present pitch of well nigh perfection, and ever since the gramophone ceased to be an instrument of torture to all hearers and became, instead, a genuine means of distributing pleasing sounds at second hand, a combination of the two inventions was generally recognised as being only a work of time.

To say that last night's exhibition was perfect would be to mislead; but what must have struck every intelligent person present was that this perfection is bound to come, and to come very soon. Even as seen and heard in the Theatre Royal—with quite a fair number of persons talking audibly, as is the habit of a certain type of theatre-goer—the greater part of what was given off by the gramophone was quite distinctly to be heard, and the union of moving picture with voice was decidedly pleasing and effective.

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UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

Additional Equipment Received.

We have received from the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at the University a second list of experimental apparatus and machines presented to that centre of learning. We are glad to notice that upwards of 90 firms have promised assistance and there is no doubt but that there will be gathered together in Hongkong University an equipment equal to that of any of the other British Universities.

It is worthy of note that the Asiatic Petroleum Company have offered to supply a quantity of crude and refined oil which will be equal to all the requirements of the University Laboratories.

A number of publishers are also sending technical books. We understand that Professor C. A. Middleton Smith is proceeding to London, in a few days, in order to complete the equipment and he is desirous of getting into touch with people in England likely to be interested in the University.

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Report of the Engineering Standards Committee. (British Engineering Standards Committee, London.)

Physical Apparatus. (J. Griffin, London.)

Sankey's Hand bending Testing Machine. (Cassella & Co., Ltd., London.)

The above list represents most valuable equipment, especially

in the departments of heat engines. It is, however, hoped that offers of apparatus will be received from firms interested in electrical engineering. A number of electrical machines are required, the average size being about 10 K.W., for use in the Power Station and the Electrical Machinery Laboratory. Two switch boards and fittings are also needed, we are informed.

It is hoped to obtain a complete equipment for experiments in all branches of electrical work and an appeal is especially made to manufacturers that this important branch of engineering shall be worthily represented in the equipment presented to the University.

We also note that Mr. E. J. Surman B. Sc. (1st Class Honours, Lond.) has been appointed Lecturer in Strength of Materials in the Faculty of Engineering. We are pleased to be able to record this active progress in the applied science work of the University.

BOXING.

Pilsbury's Challenge Accepted by Turner.

Pte W. Turner, "G." Company, 2nd D.C.L.I., Mount Austin, writes to the "Hongkong Telegraph":—I accept the challenge of Pte Pilsbury, which appeared in your paper a few days ago. I will fight him for the Championship of the Regiment, in a ten round contest, if he can make the necessary arrangements for this bout.

On April 24 Private Pilsbury, 2nd D.C.L.I., the middle weight champion of the Battalion, announced in our columns that he was willing to fight any man in the colony at his own weight 11st.

PARTY WALL CASE.

"An Old Shell of a Building."

This morning in the Original Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir W. Rees Davies, K.C., and a special jury, the action was continued in which Chan Kau, a trader of 142 Hollywood Road, is suing Chan Woon Cheung and Chan Woon Mau, of No. 47 Hanley St. The action is to recover the sum of \$5,000, as damages, for that the defendants, their servants and agents, in or about the month of June or July 1912, negligently and unskillfully carried out certain building operations, to wit the building of a party wall, between the houses No. 10 and 21 Lower Lascar Row, and incidentally there-to shoring the front and rear walls of No. 10 Lower Lascar Row, the property of the plaintiff, as to bring about the fracture and settling of such front and rear walls of the said house, to the plaintiff's loss in the sum claimed.

Mr. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. O. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, for the defence.

The jury was empanelled as follows:—Messrs. F. Maitland, J. T. Douglas, H. P. White, M. Beattie, Ho Kim Tong, D. Haskell and F. C. Wilford.

Mr. Lemm continued in the witness box this morning, under the cross examination of Mr. M. Slade. He adhered to the statement, which he made yesterday, that there were cracks over the windows in No. 17, in the two upper storeys. On the question of valuation witness said he made the value of the new house to be more than the value of the reinstated house.

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Mr. King (A.S.P.):—Yes, your Worship.

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Mr. Lewis said that several kinds of fraud were mixed up in this case. On about the 13th inst. a man named Karl Weigl,

BANK NOTE IMPRESSIONS.

Four Charges Preferred Against An Austrian.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Aston Hauser, 35, a native of Austria-Hungary, described as a broker, was charged by Inspector Watt with having in his possession, feloniously and knowingly, papers upon which were impressions of bank notes of the Nederlands Trading Society, the Chartered Bank of India, and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. There was also a charge of being in possession of an automatic pistol and sixteen rounds of ammunition, without a permit from the Capt. Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, prosecuted for the police. Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Denton, acted on behalf of the Chartered Bank of India.

Dr. Von Wiser, the Austrian Consul, was present, but left the Court before the hearing. Mr. Lewis said he understood the Austrian Consul was coming back and he did not mind waiting a moment or two.

His Worship thought they could go no.

Mr. Lewis said the defendant was charged under section 19 of Ordinance 4-1895, particularly under sub-section 3, thereby being guilty of a felony for which he was liable to imprisonment not exceeding fourteen years. One of the charges concerned a ten dollar banknote on the Nederlands Trading Society, one concerned a five dollar banknote on the Chartered Bank of India, and a third one related to a \$10 note on the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. There was also a fourth charge preferred against the defendant and that was for being in possession of an automatic pistol without having a licence.

From the Captain Superintendent of Police. Now these charges which had been preferred against him were so framed that it was not necessary for him to prove fraud on any intent to fraud, but he thought before the case went very much further other charges would be preferred against him in which they alleged fraud and he might also have a charge proved against him of being a cheat at common law, and possibly a charge of bribery would be brought against him. However the charges already before his Worship were sufficient to justify his Worship to hear the evidence he would bring before him that day, and, as his Worship knew, he had very ample powers of adding or amending charges before the Court.

His Worship:—Is the Austrian Consul watching the case on behalf of the defendant, for the defence?

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THOSE BANGLES.

This afternoon in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Kemp, an action was commenced in which a female Chinese hairdresser, named Chan Sz, of 28 Bridges St., sued the Man Po Loi firm of jewellers, carrying on business at Queen's Road Central, for the return of two gold, pearl, diamond and jade bangles, said to be detained by the defendants, or \$100, their value, and \$100 for such detention.

Mr. Dennis, of Messrs. Dennis and Bowley, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Moore, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, for the defence.

Mr. Dennis explained that plaintiff had two bangles and wished to dispose of them, she took them to the defendant's shop and left them there. Later she went to enquire if they had been sold and was informed there was a probable purchaser. Plaintiff called subsequently but was put off and she put the matter into the hands of her solicitor. Defendants on being approached on the matter replied through their solicitors that they never had the bangles handed over to them.

This morning in the Summary Court before the Justice Judge, Mr. Justice Kemp, Messrs. E. E. Smith and Co., merchants of 2 Pedder St., sued S. H. Chan, 78 Praya East, to recover the sum of \$450, the price of goods sold and delivered.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. C. Faithful, for the defence.

Mr. E. E. Smith of the plaintiff firm said that on August 31, 1912, the defendant brought a knitting machine from his firm for \$20. He promised to pay the plaintiff within a few days but at the request of the defendant the date of payment was extended to October 1. During September defendant purchased 20 lbs of combed yarn for use on the machine, and later in the same month the defendant bought another machine for \$187.50. The defendant did not pay for the goods, but after the writ was issued the defendant offered to pay \$100 on account.

Mr. Lewis:—I don't know if the accused understands you?

His Worship:—Be understood that he wants to have an interpreter.

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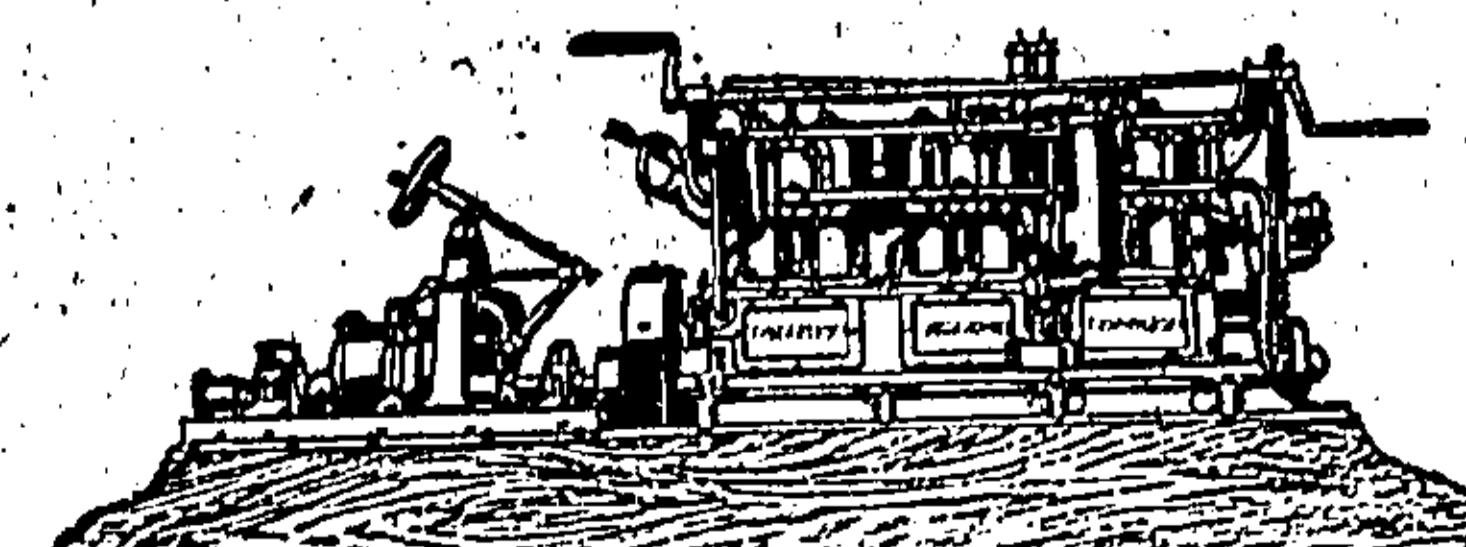
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New York, San Francisco and Canada.

San Francisco via Japan	Nile	P. M. Co.	3 July	
Victoria and Seattle	Snaku Maru	N. Y. K.	17 May	
Mexican, Peruvian and Chili Ports via Japan	Hongkong Maru	T. K. K.	4 June	
do do do	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	5 August	
New York	Glazee	D. & Co.	6 May, about	
San Francisco, etc.	Chiyo Maru	T. K. K.	27 May	
do	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	17 June	
do	Tenyo Maru	T. K. K.	24 June	
San, Francisco via Japan	Siberia	P. M. & Co.	6 May	
Victoria, B.C., & Tacoma via Shanghai, &c.	China	P. M. & Co.	15 May	
Victoria, B.C., & Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Nile	P. M. & Co.	5 July	
Victoria, B.C., & Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Mexico Maru	O. S. K.	30 April	
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., Seattle	Chicago Maru	O. S. K.	17 May	
Vancouver via Japan	Shidzuka Maru	N. Y. K.	20 May	
do do	Harpagus	J. M. & Co.	10 June, about	
do do	E. of Russia	O. P. R. Co.	21 May	
do do	E. of India	O. P. R. Co.	7 June	
Vancouver, Seattle, &c.	Saxonia	H. A. L.	22 May	
Vancouver, Seattle and Portland	Falls of Orchy	J. M. & Co.	6 May	
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan, &c.	Monteagle	O. P. R. Co.	21 June	
Portland, Tacoma and Seattle	Vestalia	J. M. & Co.	27 June	

Australia.

Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. & Co.	1 May	
do do	Taiyuan	B. & S.	2 May	
do do	Guthrie	B. & S.	23 May	
do do	Inaba Maru	N. Y. K.	7 May	
do do	Empire	G. L. & Co.	24 May	
do do	St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	21 June	
do do	Nikko Maru	N. Y. K.	4 June	

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Singapore, Penang, & Calcutta	Arratoon Apoor	D. S. & Co. Ltd.	7 May	
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta	Tosa Maru	N. Y. K.	3 May	
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Liisang	J. M. & Co.	30 April	
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Titaroem	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch	
do do do	Tjimahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch	
Kudat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	End of April	
Japan	Tjiluwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch	
Kobe	Saigon Maru	O. S. K.	21 May	
Kobe & Yokohama	Aki Maru	N. Y. K.	8 May	
Yokohama, Kobe & Moji, ...	Fultala	J. M. & Co.	30 April	
do do	Torilia	D. S. & Co.	8 May	
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	7 May	

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 Barberini, E. T. Mackenzie, A.
 Baring, M. MacIntyre, Mr.
 Barreto, A. M. and Mrs. Neil
 Bates, E. R. MacLaren, J.
 Bayly, B. B. A. Marcy, F. A.
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 Benson, J. N. Beaumont, E. A. Martin, R. B.
 Beillas, Mrs. E. Matheson, Mrs.
 R. T. and
 Bena, G. A. child. McKean, Dr. G.
 Bernhardt, Misses S. & A. W.
 Beynon, Capt. McKenny, Dr.
 C. R. O. W. & Mrs.
 Block, G. Mehta, K. B.
 Cameron, W. A. Merocki, J.
 Cambridge, A. J. Messulam, D.
 Cartwright, Mrs. Millard, Mrs. J.
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 Chalmers, J. S. Miller, L.
 Claxton, A. A. Mosian, P. F.
 Cogan, Mrs. J. Mulder, J. D.
 Cokely, T. J. F.
 Cowen, Mrs. W. Newman, E.
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 Crocker, Miss O'Leary, Miss
 Crowe, W. E. G.
 Culpin, Dr. and Poulot, A.
 Mrs. Mrs. F. W.
 Davies, G. H. Mrs. E. W.
 Davies, Mrs. H. C. Ray, E. H.
 Darnell, H. B. Reay, Miss F.
 Davis, C. H. Reid, R. T.
 Davis, Mrs. H. C. Richards, Miss C.
 Ricketts, Mr. & Deane, A. F. Mrs. W. R.
 Derham, C. Robinson, W. V.
 Dortsanc, Mr. & Mrs. & 2 child. Rosenstock, C.
 ren. W.
 Dewar, J. Rosenfeld, L.
 D'Ottingen, V. Rule, Mrs. J. A.
 Douglas, Mrs. R. Russell, J. B.
 H. Schregardus,
 Dowley, W. A. Mrs.
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 Edwards, J. E. Sidford, Mrs.
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 Ehrenfels, H. C. Mrs. E. E.
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 A. M. Sutherland, P.
 Fisher, H. G. D.
 Fish, J. Spittles, Mr. H.
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 Fynes-Clinton, Spiro, S.
 R. Square, Miss.
 Gear, Mrs. Stainer, Lt. and
 Gessler, Dr. Mrs. C. E.
 Gordon, A. G. Stanford, W. H.
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 Gould, Mr. J. Mrs. C. H.
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 Graham, C. J. E.
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 Von. Stephenson, B.
 Hall, Capt. T. P. Sturgis, Mrs. C.
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 Henderson, C. A. Tait, J. M.
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 A. C. M. Thomas, A. H.
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 Irwin, R. Webb, Mr. and
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 Judah, Mrs. A. Mrs. A. and 4
 N. E. children.
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 Kooy, M. Van B. F.
 M. Wood, G. G.
 Kruseman, A. Young, Mrs. W.
 Lambert, Mrs. Young, Miss
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Astor House.
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 Arnold, J. B. Musso, F.
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 Birot, L. Mrs. L. M.
 Brown, I. C. Mayhood, J. R.
 Brown, E. C. Miller, B. F.
 Brown, H. J. Morgan, F. E.
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 Dedeoglu, H. Murge, R.
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 Frezur, Capt. & Petersen, A.
 Frost, E. W. Puvogel, Fred.
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 Greig, W. Mrs. do La.
 Guthrie, Mr. and Sanders, N.
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 Hall, J. W. Sidaire.
 Henge, C. E. A. Silva, L. A. do
 Hardy, Chas. Sleson, J. J.
 Hickman, E. F. Smoots, W.
 Hosseus, Kurt Stirling, Mrs.
 Hudson, C. M. Trawyer, W. E.
 Jast, C. Vodon, A.
 Jones, E. M. Vincent, J. M.
 Johnson, W. A. Wellemborski
 Juster, W. Wilson, G.
 Long, H. bert B.
 Lopez, Vic. Winston, E. C.
 Lutzell, V. Zoboli, A. G.
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 Fridley, G. Stephano, Miss
 Grace, Miss Thomas, Mr. &
 Haden, F. Watkins, G.
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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.
 FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG
 AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG" having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. the 24th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by:

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
 General Manager.
 Hongkong 28th April, 1913. [328]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"S.S. SIBERIA" FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS AND SHANGHAI.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived Consignees of cargo are hereby told to send in their Bills of lading countersignature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside. Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately at consignee's risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered Saturday the 26th, inst., at noon, will be landed at consignee's risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered Friday May 2nd, 1913, at noon, will in addition to landing charge be subject to storage charge.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown Thursday May 1st, 1913, 11 A.M.

No claims will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignee and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before May 26th 1913, otherwise they will not be recognized.

FRED J. HALTON, Agent. Hongkong, 26th April, 1913. [381]

BARBER LINE OF STEAMERS. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"WRAY CASTLE" From NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"ISOCHIA" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Lini 1, whence and or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th May 1913 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 5th prox. at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by:

DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents. Hongkong, 28th April, 1913. [388]

Grand Hotel.

Ahnberg, K. Lorris

Banleeford, C. Lowell, Mr. &

Benohansen, P. Mrs.

Boggs, D. Mayr, Mr. and

Bonetta, Miss V. Mrs.

Brill, Dr. Merlin, L.

Bumann Meyer, N.

Cumann Miller, F.

Calvert, Miss Moller.

Crew, Mr. and Moonan, J.

Elson, W. Parshall, J.

Grant, G. Sanborn, W.

Frenck, C. Schmidt

Fridley, G. Stephano, Miss

Grace, Miss Thomas, Mr. &

Haden, F. Watkins, G.

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Bevington, F. Mullins, Lieut.

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Carpenter, Mr. Morley, Miss

and Mrs. Nation, W.

Cornell, W. A. Ram, E. A.

Hasselfoot, Lt. Galbraith, V.

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Notices

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 From BOMBAY and KOBE.

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"ISOCHIA" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Lini 1, whence and or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th May 1913 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd May, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd May, at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by:

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1913. [387]

THE Steamship

"THONGWA" Capt. D. M. Robins, will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 1st May, at noon.

The Steamer has superior accommodation for passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified doctor.

Return Tours to Japan (cabin) 20 days.

The Steamers leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Kobe (Inland Sea), returning via Moji, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.

Return Tickets are available by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co's Steamers. Fare for round trip \$120.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1913. [388]

20, DES VŒUX ROAD.

PARIS TOILET.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's

HAIR DRESSING SALOON.

Largest and Best in the East.

COMMERCIAL.

Gold in the Philippines.

Gold has been found on the banks of the Marquesa river, within fifteen miles of the city of Manila. The find was made by a Mr. West, who was employed by the Bureau of Public Works to drill wells in that locality. West reported that the black sand averaged P100.37 gold to the metric ton and this has been subsequently borne out by tests.

Rubber Imports into Germany.

The imports of crude and manufactured rubber into Germany in 1912 amounted to 20,586 tons, of the value of £8,739,000, as compared with 19,950 tons and £8,472,500 in the preceding year. According to the "Frankfurter Zeitung," the principal share of the import trade again applied to Brazil, which supplied 6,700 tons, as against 6,831 tons in 1911. As contrasted with this slight decrease, it is pointed out that the imports from British India were over twice the amount which obtained in 1911, in consequence of the large growth in the cultivation of plantation rubber, the figures being 2,127 tons, as against 998 tons in the previous year. The third position is occupied by the Cameroons, which furnished 2,043 as compared with 1,816 tons in 1911, whilst the quantity from German East Africa rose from 601 tons in 1911 to 856 tons last year. On the other hand, the German exports of rubber totalled 4,943 tons, as contrasted with 4,591 tons in 1911, and the major portion was shipped to the United States, Russia and Austria-Hungary following in the order mentioned.

Siberian Coal.

The development of coal mining in Siberia is closely connected with the construction of the great Siberian Railway, which naturally created a demand for fuel. The first attempts were made in the Sudzhensky district of Western Siberia and afterwards in the so-called Tchernomovsky fields in the neighbourhood of Irkutsk. The coal deposits of these two regions are of very different kinds. The Sudzhensky coal is of good quality, whereas the Tchernomovsky coal is bituminous. Owing, however, to its geographical position the Tchernomovsky basin is the only source of supply east of Lake Baikal and west of Krasnoyarsk. The output of the Sudzhensky region is about 20,000,000 pounds (320,000 tons) per annum, while that of Tchernomovsky in 1905-1906 was from 50 to 60 million pounds (800,000 to 960,000 tons) per annum, and in recent years only about 25,000,000 pounds (400,000 tons). This is accounted for by coal being worked in Trans-Baikalia, which formerly took its supply from the Tchernomovsky region. The Trans-Baikal coal is similar to the Tchernomovsky. The coal regions of Trans-Baikalia are comparatively small, and the working is impeded by water, whereas in the Tchernomovsky basin no water enters the mines. This explains the cheapness of the Tchernomovsky coal. Besides the above-mentioned coalfields in Western Siberia mention should be made of the Karraginsky mine of the Spassky Copper Company. Unfortunately, owing to absence of transport this mine only supplies the needs of its owners.—"Times."

Public Companies.

THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED. MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed Agents for the Marine business of the above Society are prepared to accept risks at current rates.

DAVID SASUON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 23rd April 1913.

THEATRE ROYAL
TO-NIGHT
AT 9 P.M.

The FIRST Performance of
The Famous Edison
TALKING Pictures.

The Kinetophone will be
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DES VŒUX ROAD.

BIJOU.

PROGRAMME. 9.15

Grand American Drama

THE ROSE OF KENTUCKY.

The Sense of Smell (Comic).

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The Bow-Bow

Inquisitive William

THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

(Scenic)

NEWS OF THE DAY

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(Popular Soubrette)

Friday May 2nd

Complimentary Benefit

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PICTURES ONLY 7.15

Public Companies

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC

CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the TWENTY-

FOURTH ORDINARY GEN-

ERAL MEETING of the

SHAREHOLDERS will be held

at the Company's Offices, St-

George's Building, on SATUR-

DAY, the 3rd May, 1913, at 12

o'clock NOON, for the purpose

of presenting the Report of the

Directors together with a state-

ment of Accounts to 28th Febr-

uary, 1913, and electing Directors

and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of

the Company will be closed from

the 19th April to the 3rd May,

1913, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1913.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSUR-

ANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that

a Scrip Certificate with re-

spect to 8 Shares numbered 4813/

4820 in the above-named Com-

pany standing in the name of

Messrs. WING KEE & Co. of

Hongkong, has been lost and

should the same not be produced

before the 8th proximo, a new

Scrip Certificate will be issued to

the said Messrs. WING KEE & Co., and no transaction taking

place under the old Scrip Certifi-

cate will be recognised by the

Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON &

CO., LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1913.

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Notice

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR LI HUAN FAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years.

He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka.

Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write care of "Hongkong Telegraph" office or direct to 87 Hollywood Road, 1st floor, Hongkong, 28th April, 1913. [320]

If you happen to be late, your meals will be courteously & promptly served just the same. Only at The ALEXANDRA CAFE.

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MARTIN'S

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PILLS

A French Remedy for all Irritations.

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LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

Hongkong Championship Semi-Finals.

A large crowd gathered on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground last evening for the purpose of witnessing the playing off of the semi-final tie in the lawn tennis Championship Singles. Among the interested spectators were His Excellency the Governor, Major General Anderson, and Sir William and Lady Rees Davies.

Hancock v. Crawford.

Chief interest was centred in the match between H. Hancock and Capt. Crawford, which resulted in a win for the former by three sets to one and 22 games to 15, the scores being 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. The opening set was characterised by even play, which gave promise of a close struggle. The men took game about on their service until the seventh was reached, when Hancock lost on his. His opponent, however, followed suit in the next. Hancock led at 5-4, and then a love game to the other man made a long set necessary. Play up to this stage had not been marked by any very long rallies, though at times some brilliant strokes were made by both men, often ending, however, in the net being found. The eleventh game was Hancock's and after deuce in the next, a rash volley by Crawford gave the set to his opponent.

A new aspect came over the contest in the next set, Crawford showing up strongly. Hancock lost his service through timorously volleying on the part of his opponent, and the next two games also went to the Army man, who was keeping a splendid length, his drives on to the base line giving Hancock considerable trouble. Crawford continued to play up very strongly and at the end of the sixth game was leading 5-1. Then Hancock steadied to his work, and by judicious placing got two games in succession. In the following game Crawford was fortunate in getting two balls to skim the net, and he eventually took the game, and with it the set.

The first three games in the next set were taken by Hancock, who, however, lost his service in the next, though he pulled the score up to deuce after "love 40" had been called. In the eighth game Hancock was down on his service without notching a point, and at the end of the eighth he led by 5-3. Then Crawford failed in his service, and, by hitting wildly out, lost the set. There was not a great deal of sustained play in this set.

Poor tennis was seen in the last set, mainly due to the rashness of Crawford, who was not showing a tithe of the form he had displayed in the early stages of the match. On the other hand, Hancock was surer in his placing than previously, and had no difficulty in outplaying his man. Hancock took the first two games, then Crawford snatched one, but this was all he could get, his opponent running off with the others quite easily.

On the run of play the better man certainly won, though early in the match it looked as though Crawford would give the winner a hard run for it. Both men have strong, effective backhand drives, and both put plenty of cut on the ball when circumstances permit. Crawford played the more forceful game of the two, but Hancock was far more careful, placed more effectively and won many a point through his opponent's recklessness.

Penman v. Josseland.

The other semi-final, between J. B. Penman and A. N. Josseland, was not finished. So far as the match went it was a ding-dong struggle, Josseland taking the first set at 6-2, Penman the second at 7-5. Josseland the next at 7-6, and Penman the fourth at 8-6. With the score two sets all, the light was failing fast, and though a start was made on the fifth set, play had to be abandoned when each man had a game to his credit.

"A" Class Singles.

In the "A" Class Singles, M. R. Harris (recs. 3/6) won his way into the final by beating W. N. Lowe (scr.) by 6-1, 0-6, 7-5.

Coming Tie.

This evening Major Bowen and Capt. Crawford meet H. F. C. Master and G. A. Hastings to decide who shall play R. Hancock in the final.

POST OFFICE.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London April 9 April 10

Des. Shanghai April 26 April 28

MAILS DUE.

German, P. Ludwig, 30th inst.

The Prinz Ludwig with the German Mail left Singapore on Saturday the 26th inst. at 8 a.m. and is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

MAILS CLOSE.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Nore,

30th April, 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 30th April, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria and Tacoma—Per Mexicamaru, 30th April, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 30th April, 11.5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Prinz Ludwig, 30th April, 5 p.m.

Saigon—Per Phranang, 30th April, 5 p.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Sung-kiang, 1st May, 8 a.m.

Fort Bayard, Haiphong, and Pakhoi—Per Hongkong, 1st May, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Thongwa, 1st May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Timor, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per Eastern, 1st May, 11 a.m.

Swatow and Shanghai—Per Hangsang, 1st May, 1 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Laihang, 1st May, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 1st May, 11.5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Anhui, 1st May, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiching, 2nd May, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Weihaiwei and Tientsin—Per Huichow 2nd May, 11 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon and India via Bombay—Per China, 3rd May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 3rd May, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 3rd May, 1.15 p.m.

Siberian Mail. Shanghai and North China—Per Chenan, 3rd May, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Kwongsang, 3rd May, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 4th May, 9 a.m.

Japan via Yatshing—Per Yatshing, 5th May, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 6th May, 10 a.m.

French Mail. Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaidia, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. (Late Letters 11 to Noon, Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail).—Per Amazone, 6th May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Rubi, 7th May, 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Taming, 6th May, 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Luchow, 8th May, 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Luchow, 8th May, 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per Tafuan, 10th May, 10 a.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents). (Supplementary mail onboard up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail). The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 9th May, at 5 p.m.—Per China, 10th May, 11 a.m.

English Mail. Philippine Islands—Per Loongsang, 10th May, 1 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Persia, Aust. s.s. 3,774, Olhneek 28th April—Singapore

22nd April, Gen.—S. W. & Co.

Wray Castle, Br. s.s. 2,717, Howe, 28th April—New York

21st April, Gen.—D. & Co.

Dupleix, Fr. cruiser, 7,700, Daveling, 28th April—

Touraine, 5th April.

Haimun, Br. s.s. 641, Evans, 29th April—Swatow

28th April—

April, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Tjimoonok, Dutch s.s. 3,520, Jumason, 29th April—

Yuen-sang, Br. s.s. 1,28, Rolfe, 29th April—Manila

26th April, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Nore, Br. s.s. 4,188, Asbury, 29th April—Yokohama via

Ports and Shanghai 26th April, Gen.—P. & O. Co.

Yushun, Chi. s.s. 1,079, Baines, 29th April—Canton

8th April, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Soshu Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,119, K. Tashino, 29th April—Canton

28th April, Gen.—O. S. K.

Lutzow, Ger. s.s. 5,116, Bortfeld, 22th April—Yokohama, etc., 21st April, Gen.—M. & Co.

Wing-sang, Br. s.s. 1,517, Lishman, 29th April—Wuhu via Chinkiang 24th April, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Soyo Maru, Jap. s.s. Maki, 29th April—Singapore

22nd April, Bulk oil—A. F. Co.

Prinz Sigismund, Ger. s.s. 1,844, D. Lenz, 29th April—Sydney

5th April, Gen.—M. & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

April 28.

Shinyo-maru, San Francisco.

Wray Castle, for Yokohama.

Borneo, for Kudat.

April 29.

Ishia, for Bombay.

Kaifong, for Haiphong.

Lutzow, for Hamburg.

Wing-sang, for Canton.

Chinhu, for Iloilo.

Hang-sang, for Shanghai.

Nord, for London.

Mexico-maru, for Victoria.

Soshu-maru, for Anping.

Chong-ya, for K. C. Wan.

DEPARTED.

April 29.

Kwangtah, for Shanghai.

Haiyang, for Foochow.

Chih-fu, for Canton.

Tai-shun, for Canton.

Anhul, for Canton.

Shanxi, for Canton.

Huichow, for Canton.

Rheus, for London.

Indrane, for New York.

Opland, for Bangkok.

Shinyo-maru, for San Francisco.

Kaifong, for Haiphong.

Ichia, for Bombay.

Chin-hua, for Phillipine Is.

Opland, for Straits.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Yuen-sang, arrived 29th inst. from Manila.

Enizalis P. Gutiérrez, Sister J. H. M.

Victorson, Mr. J. T. Gray, J. W.

Haigh, F. Worcester, W. V.

Johnstone, S. Wood, Major P.

Ruth, A. Wilson, W.

Rodriguez, M. Yuir, A.

Wright Mrs. A. P.

Smlan, J. T. J.

Per s.s. Lutzow, arrived 29th inst. from Yokohama, etc.

Aurely, G. Melvyn

Beals, N. G. Ng Yuchien

Bardouin Nishigama, K.

Chon Sam-choz Provost

Dingensals Pooley, J. G. T.

Feinstein, B. Hooperland, K.

Fuone, M. Thompson, L.

Givatru N.

Henry, Miss A. Tsing Gisug.

Kouishi, T. Chin

Jin Hu-chenen Whiting, C. E.

Katz, Mrs. Wing Heir

Li Kwen-san, nang

Maynard

Per s.s. Prinz Sigismund, arrived 29th inst.